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1. REFTEL ONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN SUBJECT HEADING "CONTINGENCY ARRIVAL STATEMENT" RATHER THAN "PRESS STATEMENT".

2. AMBASSADOR HAS REVIEWED PROPOSED STATEMENT TO PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND HAS MADE FOLLOWING REVISIONS. PLEASE TRANSLATE AND HOLD FOR HIS ARRIVAL. QUOTE:

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR ME TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC, GENERAL OF THE ARMY GNASSINGBE EYADEMA. I HAVE PRESENTED TO HIM MY CREDENTIALS AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO TOGO, AND I HAVE CONVEYED TO HIM HIGHEST REGARDS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I AM PLEASED TO BE ENTERING UPON MY DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO AT THIS EXCITING TIME IN
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THE HISTORY OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD. IT IS A TIME WHEN MY

COUNTRY HAS JOINED WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS IN A FRATERNAL EFFORT TO TRY TO HELP FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF ACHIEVING TRANSITION TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS A TIME ALSO OF INCREASING AMERICAN AWARENESS OF AND SYMPATHY TOWARD OTHER AFRICAN NEEDS, PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

THERE HAS BEEN GREAT INJUSTICE ON THIS CONTINENT, AND CONSEQUENT TURMOIL. THERE ARE MANY WOUNDS. MY COUNTRY IS DEDICATED TO THE HEALING OF THOSE WOUNDS, AND WE WILL HELP IN EVERY WAY WE CAN TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUSTICE AND PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD TO JOIN TOGO IN THIS GREAT TASK AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING CLOSE, CONSTRUCTIVE AND MUTUALLY SATISFYING RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA, THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT AND THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

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